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First Regular Session - 2021

IN THE SENATE

SENATE BILL NO. 1033

BY FINANCE COMMITTEE

AN ACT

2 RELATING TO THE LEGISLATIVE ACCOUNT; AMENDING SECTION 67-451, IDAHO CODE, TO

3 REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS INTO THE LEGISLATIVE

4 ACCOUNT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING RETROACTIVE APPLICA
5 TION.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

SECTION 1. That Section 67-451, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

- 67-451. LEGISLATIVE ACCOUNT CREATED -- DUTIES OF CONTROLLER -- DISBURSEMENTS FROM ACCOUNT -- REPORT OF DISBURSEMENTS. (1) There is hereby created in the state treasury the legislative account. The legislative account shall consist of such moneys as are placed into it by other appropriations, by receipts paid into the legislative account, and the moneys appropriated and transferred into it according to the provisions of this act.
- (2) There is hereby appropriated out of the general fund and transferred into the legislative account, and commencing January 1, 200821, the state controller is authorized and directed to make such transfers in the amounts shown on each of the following dates in each year:

January 1\$1,825,0002,299,500March 1\$1,825,0002,299,500June 1\$1,445,0001,820,500September 1\$1,660,0002,091,500

(3) The president pro tempore of the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives are hereby authorized to make expenditures out of the legislative account for any necessary expenses of the legislature and the legislative account is hereby perpetually appropriated for any necessary expenses of the legislature. Necessary expenses of the legislature shall include, but are not necessarily limited to, salaries and wages of officers, members, and employees of the legislature, consultants and other expert or professional personnel, travel expenses of officers, members, and employees of the legislature, other current expenses incurred in any operation or function of the legislature, premiums for life, accidental death and dismemberment, hospital, medical, surgical and major medical insurance for members of the legislature during their terms of office, and for employees of the legislature during the period of their employment, and capital outlay items necessary for any operation or function of the legislature. The signature of the president pro tempore of the senate or the speaker of the house of representatives on any voucher or claim for payment shall be sufficient authority for the state controller to pay the same. Expenses for any interim activity of the legislature or legislators shall be paid in the same manner. Expenses for any interim legislative committees shall be paid in the same manner, if previously authorized by concurrent resolution.

(4) The state controller is hereby directed to devise and implement a financial reporting and control system for the purposes of this act that exempts legislative expenditures from any other provision of law, and the legislative account shall be specifically exempt from the provisions of chapter 35, title 67, Idaho Code, and shall be specifically exempt from the provisions of chapter 36, title 67, Idaho Code. Such system must produce a report as of the end of each calendar month that clearly shows additions to the account, the unexpended balance in the account, the expenditures to date, and the expenditures for the month reported, suitably detailed in such manner as the presiding officers may instruct the state controller. A copy of such report must be delivered to the president pro tempore of the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives and to the governor by no later than the fifth working day of the following month.

SECTION 2. An emergency existing therefor, which emergency is hereby declared to exist, this act shall be in full force and effect on and after its passage and approval, and retroactively to January 1, 2021.